# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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Handloom Weavers
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the efforts made by the Government to improve the living standards of the handloom weavers/artisans in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds released to provide training to handloom weavers/artisans of Jharkhand during the said period; and

(e) the number of women weavers/ artisans belonging to the scheduled castes/ the scheduled tribes and other backward classes who were benefited in Jharkhand during the said period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): To improve the earnings of handloom weavers/artisans and sustainable development of handloom sector, the Ministry of Textiles, through various schemes and programmes, has adopted focused, flexible and holistic approach by facilitating marketing of handloom products, infrastructure development, brand building and empowerment of weavers by organizing them under self help groups, training and skill upgradation, infusion of new and contemporary designs through design intervention as well as product diversification, technology upgradation, easy access to raw material at subsidized prices and easy credit flow at low interest rate etc., besides providing better health and life insurance under welfare schemes. With this objective, the following schemes are under implementation during 12th Plan:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme- two components:
3. Yarn Supply Scheme
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

(b) & (c): Yes. The initiatives taken for the development of Handloom through implementation of various schemes have shown encouraging results. The following are the findings of the evaluation study of schemes implemented during 11th Plan:
â€¢ Productivity (units per day) increased by 37%.
â€¢ Average monthly income of weavers up by 31%.
â€¢ Working days in a year up by10%.
â€¢ Working capital available on average for each weaver increased by 37%.
â€¢ Sales increase by 39%.

(d) & (e): To provide training to handloom weavers/artisans, funds worth Rs.22.84 Lakh were released during last three years to Weavers' Service Centre, Bhagalpur which also catered to handloom weavers of Jharkhand. 11 training programmes have been undertaken by Weavers' Service Centre, Bhagalpur benefitting 275 weavers/artisans. 50 women weavers/artisans including women belonging to the scheduled castes/the scheduled tribes and other backward classes has been benefited during these training progammes.
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